

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 49-71 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Chuah et al. (US Patent No. 6,735,190) teach advertisement of information such as setup request from a node to its peers to be able to set up a communication link between the nodes. However, prior art of record fail to teach or render obvious, alone or in combination, a first node associated with the first endpoint sending at least one communication session setup request message, towards a second node associated with the second endpoint or with an intermediate point in the network , the second node receiving at least two communication session setup request messages, the received messages having traversed respective different paths in the network as recited in independent claim 49, 60, and 71.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with WILLIAM M. LEE Jr. on 03/14/2008.

Claim 60, last line, "(55)" should be deleted.

Claim 60, on line 2, ")" should be deleted.

Claim 60, on line 5, ")" should be deleted.

Claim 61, on line 4, ")" should be deleted.

Claim 71, on line 5, after the computer program, phrase – executed by a computer—should be added.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to NIMA MAHMOUDZADEH whose telephone number is (571)270-3527. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 8am-5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chirag G. Shah can be reached on (571) 272-3144. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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